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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE GRANT FUNDS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to accept Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant funds on an ongoing basis for the duration of the Willowbrook/Walnut Park/Athens/Rancho Dominguez Paratransit Service provided that the grant funds do not exceed 25 percent of the operating cost of the service.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to accept MTA Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant funds on an ongoing basis for the duration of the Whittier, et al., Paratransit Service provided that the grant funds do not exceed 25 percent of the operating cost of the service.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and execute amendments and to act as an agent for the County of Los Angeles when conducting business with the MTA on any and all matters related to these grants, including requests for reimbursement.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

In Fiscal Year 1983-84 and in subsequent fiscal years, your Board approved paratransit services providing transportation opportunities for eligible patrons of the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles. Over the years, Public Works has continually provided the Willowbrook/Walnut Park/Athens/Rancho Dominguez Paratransit Service and the Whittier, et al., Paratransit Service.

On May 23, 2002, the MTA Board adopted staff recommendations for funding a portion of the cost of the Willowbrook/Walnut Park/Athens/Rancho Dominguez Paratransit Service and Whittier, et al., Paratransit Service through the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Sub-Regional Paratransit Program. On September 30, 2003, Synopsis No. 52, your Board delegated authority to the Director of Public Works to sign the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the MTA for this program.

Each year, Public Works receives Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Sub-Regional Paratransit Grant funds from the MTA. These funds do not exceed 25 percent of the operating cost of each eligible paratransit service indicated above. Public Works will continue to provide these services regardless of the availability of the grant funds. It should be noted that these grant funds do not obligate the County of Los Angeles to continue providing these services.

Delegating authority to the Director, or his designee, to accept grant funds on an ongoing basis for the duration of these services and to act as an agent for the County when conducting business with the MTA will help streamline the grant administration process.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by actively seeking grant funds to augment the County's funding sources.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total contract cost for the Willowbrook/Walnut Park/Athens/Rancho Dominguez Paratransit Service is \$550,000 annually, plus an additional 25 percent contingency for unanticipated costs. The total contract cost for the Whittier, et al., Paratransit Service is \$700,000 annually, plus an additional 15 percent contingency for unanticipated costs. These paratransit projects are included each year in the Transit Enterprise Fund budget.

The MTA provides Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant funds annually to reimburse up to 25 percent of the operating cost for each service. Based on current operating costs, Public Works expects to receive approximately \$40,000 for Fiscal Year 2005-06 for the Willowbrook/Walnut Park/Athens/Rancho Dominguez Paratransit Service and approximately \$68,000 for Fiscal Year 2005-06 for the Whittier, et al., Paratransit Service.

There is no impact to the County's General Fund.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each MOU and amendment will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to its execution by the Director or his designee. Public Works will return to your Board if and when funds from the MTA exceed 25 percent reimbursement or if there are material changes to the MOU as determined by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On May 15, 2001, Synopsis 92, your Board found the paratransit program to consist of discretionary projects that are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the Public Resource Code 21080 (b) (10) under transportation-related projects.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The grant funds from the MTA will partially reimburse Public Works for providing paratransit services for elderly and disabled citizens who reside in the unincorporated areas of Willowbrook, Walnut Park, Athens, Rancho Dominguez, and the unincorporated areas surrounding the Cities of Whittier, La Puente, West Covina, and Covina.

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**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval, please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel